

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method (300) of distributing software features  
(particularly software products having a global portion  
and a user portion necessary for activating the software  
products) to client workstations of a network; each  
client workstation has a multi-user operating system, and  
may be accessed (327-328) with different user profiles  
each one associated with a corresponding operating  
10 context. A distribution package is received (312) in the  
client workstation; the distribution package includes  
instructions associated with global activities for the  
client workstation as a whole or with user activities  
specific for the single profiles. A distribution agent  
15 (running outside the context of a current profile)  
executes (309-329) only the global activity (even if the  
workstation is in a logoff condition) and schedules the  
user activities to be performed when a user next logs  
onto the workstation. A user agent loaded (330) when the  
20 workstation is accessed with a selected profile executes  
(333-339) the user activities in the corresponding  
context.